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Minutes of Organization Meeting of Board of Directors, May 2, 1936

THE annual organization meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club was held at the club room, 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco, California, at 10 o'clock, Saturday morning, May 2, 1936. Present: Directors Adams, Bernays, Clark, Colby, Dawson, Farquhar, Hildebrand, Huber, Merrill, Parsons, Price, Robinson, Tappaan. Absent: Directors LeConte and McDuffie. William J. Murray, F. C. Youngberg, John Y. Springer, chairmen of the Southern California, San Francisco Bay, and Loma Prieta chapters, respectively, and Arthur H. Blake, California vice-president of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, were also present. Mr. Dawson called the meeting to order.

The report of the Judges of Election was thereupon read announcing that the following were elected on April 11, 1936, directors of the Sierra Club for the ensuing year: Ansel Adams, Phil S. Bernays, Lewis F. Clark, William E. Colby, Ernest Dawson, Francis P. Farquhar, Joel H. Hildebrand, Walter L. Huber, Joseph N. LeConte, Duncan McDuffie, Samuel Merrill, Marion R. Parsons, Robert M. Price, Bestor Robinson, Francis D. Tappaan.

The following were thereupon elected officers for the ensuing year: Ernest Dawson, president; Joel H. Hildebrand, vice-president; William E. Colby, secretary; Walter L. Huber, treasurer. Duncan McDuffie was re-elected the fifth member of the Executive Committee. Joseph N. LeConte was unanimously re-elected honorary president. The following were re-elected honorary vice-presidents: Robert Underwood Johnson, Vernon L. Kellogg, J. Horace McFarland, John C. Merriam, Robert G. Sproul, Ray Lyman Wilbur. In addition, William H. Wright, director of the Lick Observatory of the University of California, at Mount Hamilton, was elected an honorary vice-president.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board, held December 7, 1935, were approved as published in the December SIERRA CLUB BULLETIN. Professor LeConte was in the East and therefore unable to attend the meeting, and Mr. McDuffie could not attend on account of illness. They were both excused.

Mr. Colby reported that the Executive Committee had held a meeting on February 29, 1936, all members of the committee attending, with Col. John R. White and Ansel Adams present by invitation during a portion of the meeting. Action was taken as follows: Letters of condolence to Mrs. Toll, Mrs. Wright, and Director Cammerer to be written by Mr. Dawson; Permission to California

Beaches Association and the Wilderness Society to use Sierra Club mailing list; Vote to co-operate with the Southern California Historical Society and the National Park Service in making a further survey of historic sites in the Death Valley region for the purpose of publishing reliable information, publication to be undertaken by the Historical Society; Recommendation of the following names for approval by the Federal and State geographic boards: Blacksmith Peak, Thunderbolt Peak, Mount Mary Austin, Mount Miller, Mount McAdie, Colored Lady, Mount Cotter, Ibex Park, Tinemaha Mountain; Vote to protest against the opening of Glacier Bay Monument, in Alaska, for mining; Authorization to the treasurer to invest not to exceed $5,000 of cash now in the permanent fund in stock equities, preferably in investment companies of recognized standing, and that as bonds held in the permanent fund are refunded, additional investment be made in equities, but not to exceed forty per cent of the total of the permanent fund. The action taken by the Executive Committee was unanimously approved and ratified, with the exception that Director Tappaan voted against the investment of any of the Club's funds in stock equities.

A motion was passed authorizing the officers to execute and file with the bank the necessary resolutions authorizing the newly elected officers to handle the Club's funds.

The following Outing Committee was approved by the Board: William E. Colby (chairman), Francis D. Tappaan (manager), Ansel Adams. The following standing committee chairmen were approved by the Board, the members of their committees to be selected later and approved by the Executive Committee: Editorial Board, Francis P. Farquhar; Lodge Committee, Lewis F. Clark. The appointment of special committees was left with the president, subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee.

Mr. Colby gave a brief report on membership for the year 1935 which showed a net increase on December 31, 1935, of 183 members. Mr. Farquhar gave a summary of his report as treasurer for the year 1935 and stated that instead of publishing the complete report in the magazine number of the SIERRA CLUB BULLETIN, he planned to include it in a following bimonthly issue. He reported also on the financial condition of the Club during the first four months of 1936 as being satisfactory.

Mr. Farquhar stated that he would like to make the bimonthly numbers of the SIERRA CLUB BULLETIN of more interest and benefit to the members. If a larger allotment could be granted for this purpose so that each number could be eight pages instead of four, thereby containing more items of current interest, he thought this object could be accomplished. An additional financial allotment for the coming year was voted for this purpose.

Mr. Clark, chairman of the Lodge Committee, recommended that the Club continue to have custodians at the LeConte and Parsons lodges, in Yosemite Valley and Tuolumne Meadows, respectively. As to Shasta Alpine Lodge, he said that he had been corresponding with the Mount Shasta City Chamber of Commerce, but was not quite prepared to make a definite recommendation, but that his committee might recommend a custodian at Mount Shasta for three months on the same basis as at Parsons Lodge, discontinuing the weekly packtrain service in view of the construction of a road to within a mile of the lodge. He was authorized to work this matter out, securing the approval of the Executive Committee.

As chairman of the Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee, Mr. Clark reported on its operations during the past year. During the winter season just ended (November to May) approximately $3,500 was collected in fees and $2,500 paid out for food, fuel, etc., leaving a profit of approximately $1,000. About $600 of this sum will be needed for necessary improvements to the lodge. Mr. Robinson, chairman of the Winter Sports Committee, supplemented this report by stating that the committee desires to construct a dormitory during the summer in order to provide additional accommodations for next winter; that approximately $1,800 will be required for this purpose. He stated that a portion of this sum can undoubtedly be secured from those who use the lodge frequently, supplementing the money remaining after paying for improvements to the present building, as mentioned before. The sum of $500 was voted as a contribution toward this project, and the treasurer was authorized to loan the committee such additional funds as may be necessary, up to $1,000.

Mr. Robinson reported that, at the request of the State Chamber of Commerce and the U. S. Forest Service, his committee had investigated the possibility of finding a suitable site for winter sports in the Pinecrest region, in view of the fact that, in a year or so, the road to Pinecrest will undoubtedly be kept open throughout the winter season. After a thorough investigation of the region, the committee recommended the Herring Creek region as the best suited for this purpose, the Forest Service to develop this region as a recreational center for combined summer and winter use. The directors approved this action of the Winter Sports Committee.

It was voted that the Sierra Club join the California Ski Association, if and when the Winter Sports Committee deems it advisable.

The following statement of Arno B. Cammerer, Director of National Parks, regarding winter sports in the national parks, was endorsed, and the secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Cammerer of this endorsement:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service
Washington

April 7, 1936.

Office Order No. 319

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WINTER SPORTS POLICY—National parks shall be kept open for recreational use in winter so far as consistent with cost and probable use, emphasis being placed primarily upon scenic values thus made available. Visitors should be encouraged to utilize parks informally with winter activities.

Ski jumping contests, necessitating the construction of artificial ski jumps, are not desirable. Bob sled and other highly competitive contests and exhibitions which require artificialization of terrain must be avoided. The collection of admission fees for special winter sports events is prohibited.

ARNO B. CAMMERER, *Director.*

Mr. Blake told the directors that the Fifth Annual Convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs would be held September 5 to 7, 1936, at Nesika Lodge which is situated on the heights above the Columbia River Highway, between Multnomah Falls and Oneonta Gorge, about 32 miles east of Portland, with the members of the Trails Club of Oregon as hosts. Mr. Dawson was elected the official delegate of the Sierra Club to the Federation Convention, with power to select an alternate if he is unable to go. Other members of the Sierra Club are urged to attend.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved that, whereas William Frederic Badè was for so many years a faithful and devoted member of the Sierra Club and also a representative on its Board of Directors, and whereas through this long period of association with the Club he was so thoroughly representative of all of the ideals and objects for which the Club was organized, and on numberless occasions, at great personal sacrifice, labored devotedly and effectively for causes that the Club sponsored, the Sierra Club, through its Board of Directors, expresses publicly its appreciation of these unselfish services and its profound sorrow at his untimely death; it is further ordered that a copy of this resolution be sent to his widow and family.

Mrs. Parsons was appointed a committee of one to look into the matter of an appropriate commemoration of the centennial of John Muir's birth, 1938, report to be given at the December meeting.

The Secretary was instructed to write the Director of National Parks, inviting to his attention the character of the LeConte Lodge in serving the public and asking for an expression of the views of the Park Service as to how this service may best be rendered; requesting that, in view of this service, no charge be made for electricity and water used at the Lodge.

Mr. Murray, representing the Southern California Chapter, Mr. Youngberg, the San Francisco Bay Chapter, and Mr. Springer, the Loma Prieta Chapter, gave brief reports on the activities of the chapters. Mr. Murray informed the Directors that the by-laws of the Southern California Chapter had recently been revised, and that a copy had been sent to each member of the chapter.

The following were elected honorary life members of the Sierra Club: Mr. Chester H. Rowell, in recognition of his long record of devotion to the best interests of our mountains, and Mr. Lincoln Ellsworth, in recognition of his distinguished achievements in the Arctic and in the Antarctic.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

WM. E. COLBY, *Secretary.*

Secretary's Report on Membership for the Year 1935

To the Members of the Sierra Club:

During the calendar year 1935 there were 419 new members admitted to membership in the Sierra Club; 165 were dropped from the list on January 31, 1935, because of nonpayment of dues, 56 resigned, and there were 15 deaths—totaling 236. The total membership on December 31, 1935, was therefore 2,446 as compared with 2,263 a year before.

WILLIAM E. COLBY, *Secretary.*

1936 Sierra Club Outing to Kern River Canyon

The annual outing of the Sierra Club, which will start from Giant Forest and cover most of the High Sierra in the upper Kern and Kaweah canyons and enable members of the party to climb Mount Whitney and other high peaks at the headwaters of these rivers, is now in an advanced stage of preparation. The considerable snowfall of last winter will make the mountains more picturesque than they have been for many years. Those desiring to take this outing should make their reservations at once in order to be assured places.

Committee Appointments for 1936-37

Outing Committee—William E. Colby (chairman), Ansel Adams, Francis D. Tappaan.

Editorial Board — Francis P. Farquhar (chairman), Arthur H. Blake, David R. Brower, Leland Curtis, Glen Dawson, Louise Hewlett, Louise Hildebrand, Kenneth May, Marion R. Parsons.

Lodge Committee—Lewis F. Clark (chairman), Ansel Adams, F. E. Baldauf, Joel H. Hildebrand, Peter J. Van Oosting.

Mountain Records Committee—Arthur H. Blake (chairman), William B. Rice (vice-(chairman), David R. Brower, Lewis F. Clark, Leland Curtis, Jules Eichorn, Marjory Farquhar, Peter Grubb, Arthur B. Johnson, Richard M. Jones, Oliver Kehrlein, Helen LeConte, Richard M. Leonard, Kenneth May, Walter A. Starr.

Glacier Study Committee—Oliver Kehrlein (chairman), Eliot Blackwelder, S. H. Edwards, Ansel F. Hall, C. A. Harwell, Thomas M. Hunt, François E. Matthes.

Library Committee—Louise Hildebrand (chairman).

Winter Sports Committee—Bestor Robinson (chairman), Franklin J. Banker, Horace H. Breed, Lewis F. Clark, Nathan C. Clark, Leland Curtis, Donald de Fremery, Marjory Farquhar, Joel H. Hildebrand, Richard M. Jones, Oliver Kehrlein, Lester La Velle, Walter Mosauer, Einar Nilsson, Harold L. Paige, W. D. Patterson, Walter H. Ratcliff, James I. Reynolds, Wendell T. Robie, Tyler R. Van Degrift, Philip H. von Lubken, John U. White, R. Clifford Youngquist.

Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee—Lewis F. Clark (chairman), Harry Hartman, Louise Hildebrand, R. Ashley Hill, Violet Neuenburg, Einar Nilsson, Harold L. Paige, Bestor Robinson, J. C. Staudinger, Loren B. Taber, Don M. Woods.

Sierra Club Folklore Committee—May Dornin (chairman), Edward O. Allen, Maren Aune, Kasson Avery, Phil S. Bernays, Ethel Boulware, Virginie de Fremery, Paul Paine, Frederick Peake, George C. Thompson, Irma Weill.

Motion Picture Collection Committee—Nathan C. Clark (chairman), Lewis F. Clark, Donald de Fremery, Frank H. Lewis, Ralph J. Reed, Bestor Robinson, Doris P. Rowlands, F. C. Youngberg.

The Passing of Dr. Badè, Former President of the Club

Dr. William Frederic Badè passed away at his home in Berkeley, March 4, 1936, after an illness of a few months. Dr. Badè was widely known for his scholarly writings on the Old Testament and for his archaeological work in Palestine. He was equally distinguished in other fields of activity: as the literary executor and biographer of John Muir, as a naturalist, and as a vigorous and effective leader in conservation movements. Shortly after coming to California to occupy the chair of Old Testament Literature and Semitic Languages at the Pacific School of Religion, in Berkeley, he joined the Sierra Club. He was elected a Director of the Club in 1907, and from 1919 to 1922 served as President. He was Editor of the *Sierra Club Bulletin* from 1911 to 1922. A memorial and appreciation of the work of Dr. Badè will appear in the magazine number of the *Bulletin* next winter.

TREASURER'S REPORT, YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1935

To the Directors of the Sierra Club:

The following report on the finances of the Sierra Club for the year ended December 31, 1935, is respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS P. FARQUHAR, *Treasurer.*

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Receipts:		
Dues from 1,454 regular members at $4.00	$ 5,816.00	
Dues from 443 new members	1,707.00	
Dues from junior members	134.00	
Dues at special rates	22.00	
Dues for former years	556.00	
Dues paid in advance	24.00	
Total dues received		$ 8,259.00
Income from Endowment Fund	$ 667.68	
Interest received	.45	
Sales of publications	156.91	
Total miscellaneous receipts		825.04
Total received		$ 9,084.04
Disbursements:		
General Administration:		
Salary of Assistant Secretary	$ 1,380.00	
Rent—1050 Mills Tower	1,170.00	
Office expenses	595.24	
Election and directors' meeting	229.22	
Total		$ 3,374.46
Sierra Club Bulletin:		
Magazine number (February, 1935)	$ 2,564.39	
Bi-monthly numbers (five)	362.49	
Title-page and index	82.40	
Total		3,009.28
Chapters:		
Southern California	$ 743.00	
San Francisco Bay	615.13	
Riverside	51.25	
Loma Prieta	84.75	
Total		1,494.13
Lodge Current Fund:		
For Shasta Lodge	$ 160.00	
For Parsons Lodge	100.00	
Total		260.00
Miscellaneous:		
Library, room, mountain registers, dues to other organizations, taxes, and sundry other expenses		218.30
Total disbursed		$ 8,356.17

LODGE CURRENT FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Receipts:			
Income from Memorial Lodge and Gillett funds		$ 232.54	
Contributions:			
M. Hall McAllister	$260.00		
McCloud River Lumber Co.	25.00		
Mount Shasta City	25.00		
		310.00	
Donation from John P. Dexter (stock, appraised value)		130.00	
From Sierra Club General Fund		260.00	
Total received			$ 932.54
Disbursements:			
Shasta Lodge		$ 583.09	
LeConte Lodge		185.63	
Parsons Lodge		257.13	
Total disbursed			$ 1,025.85

NATIONAL PARKS FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Receipts:	
Interest on savings account	$ 52.80
Disbursements:	
For Kings River National Park project	$ 19.23

CHANGES IN PERMANENT FUNDS

Endowment Fund:		
Increase:		
Ten life memberships	$ 500.00	
Gain on sale of investments	57.50	
		$ 557.50
Memorial Lodge Fund:		
Increase:		
Gain on sale of investments		$ 130.45

SUMMARY OF FUND ACCOUNTS

Current Funds:	Dec. 31, 1934	Increase	Decrease	Dec. 31, 1935
General	$ 481.76	$ 9,084.04	$ 8,356.17	$ 1,209.63
Lodge Current	290.41	932.54	1,025.85	197.10
National Parks	2,341.81	52.80	19.23	2,375.38
Total	$ 3,113.98	$10,069.38	$ 9,401.25	$ 3,782.11
Permanent Funds:				
Endowment	$19,848.09	$ 557.50	.....	$20,405.59
Memorial Lodge	5,000.00	130.45	.....	5,130.45
Robert S. Gillett	1,000.00	.....	.....	1,000.00
Total	$25,848.09	$ 687.95	.....	$26,536.04
Total	$28,962.07	$10,757.33	$ 9,401.25	$30,318.15

CURRENT FUND ASSETS—DECEMBER 31, 1935

General Fund:		
Cash on hand and in banks	$ 803.37	
Coupons for deposit	45.00	
Due from Lodge Current Fund	64.13	
Due from Permanent funds	297.13	
		$ 1,209.63
Lodge Current Fund:		
Cash in bank	$ 106.23	
Coupons for deposit	25.00	
Stock (appraised value)	130.00	
Total	$ 261.23	
Due to General Fund	64.13	
		$ 197.10
National Parks Fund:		
Cash in savings bank		2,375.38
Total Current Fund assets		$ 3,782.11

PERMANENT FUND ASSETS—DECEMBER 31, 1935

Endowment Fund:		
United States Government bonds	$ 7,000.00	
City and County of San Francisco bonds	2,000.00	
Corporation bonds	3,000.00	
Total bonds (par value)	$12,000.00	
Bond premiums unamortized	155.29	
Cash in savings bank	8,405.75	
Total	$20,561.04	
Due to General Fund	155.45	
		$20,405.59
Memorial Lodge Fund:		
United States Government bonds	$ 1,000.00	
City and County of San Francisco bonds	2,000.00	
Corporation bonds	2,000.00	
Total bonds (par value)	$ 5,000.00	
Bond premiums unamortized	272.13	
Total	$ 5,272.13	
Due to General Fund	141.68	
		5,130.45
Robert S. Gillett Fund:		
United States Government bonds		1,000.00
Total Permanent Fund assets		$26,536.04

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